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names in the *Index Geographicus* are wrong, and the *Index Verborum*, though useful as far as it goes, omits a great many words which ought to have been carefully explained; for, without such explanation, the common scholar cannot possibly read any considerable portion of the poems. In his desire that his work should be complete, Mr. Passow has inserted some indecent songs, which should never have been printed, and which one never hears in a respectable hut among the wildest mountains of Greece. In general, this poetry is singularly pure; and it is doing great injustice to the character of the people to publish in the same volume with the beautiful pieces which charm every reader of poetic sensibility, the coarse and ribald verses which come from the lowest depths of vulgarity and vice.

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3. — *History of the Town of Marlborough, Middlesex County, Massachusetts, from its first Settlement in 1657 to 1861; with a brief Sketch of the Town of Northborough, a Genealogy of the Families in Marlborough to 1800, and an Account of the Celebration of the Two Hundredth Anniversary of the Incorporation of the Town.* By CHARLES HUDSON, a Native of the Town. Boston: Press of T. R. Marvin and Son. 1862. 8vo. pp. 545.

IN JUNE, 1860, the second centennial anniversary of the incorporation of Marlborough was celebrated by a public procession, a commemorative address by the author of this History, speeches by several gentlemen connected with the town, and other appropriate ceremonies. In the course of his preparations for the duty assigned to him for this occasion, Mr. Hudson collected a large amount of materials for a history of the town which could not be used at the time, and which he subsequently placed at the disposal of the Committee of Arrangements, who were authorized to print them as a part of the account of the celebration. But on consideration they wisely decided that it would be more expedient to procure and publish a connected history of Marlborough from its settlement to the present time; and accordingly a vote of the inhabitants was procured, authorizing the Committee to make an arrangement with Mr. Hudson for the preparation of such a history, to be published at the expense of the town. The volume now before us has been prepared and is published under the authority of this vote, so honorable to the citizens of Marlborough, and so worthy of imitation by other communities. It comprises an interesting sketch of the history of Marlborough from its first settlement, evidently prepared with great care, for the most part drawn from official documents, and including

lists of the town officers, and numerous statistical details. Appended to this, which fills rather more than half of the volume, are a compendious history of Northborough by the Rev. Dr. Allen of that town, which was originally a part of Marlborough, very copious and minute genealogical tables, and a full account of the Marlborough celebration. The volume is embellished with portraits of several of the prominent citizens, and with some other engravings.

Marlborough has not been prolific of distinguished men, and has not occupied a very conspicuous place in our Colonial or State history, but it has always been inhabited by a sturdy and patriotic people, and its history well deserves to be written. For many years it was one of the frontier towns of the Massachusetts Colony, and during the French and Indian wars it suffered severely, especially in King Philip's War, at the breaking out of which many of the early settlers removed to places of greater security. When the struggle between the mother country and the Colonies began, most of the inhabitants arrayed themselves on the side of the latter, and as soon as the news of the skirmish at Lexington was received, three companies of minute-men marched to Cambridge. A considerable number of persons also served at other places during the war, and gave abundant evidence that the martial spirit of their ancestors had not died out. At the present time three companies principally recruited in Marlborough are in the service of their country on the banks of the Potomac. At first the inhabitants were almost entirely engaged in agriculture, and the town still holds a high rank as an agricultural community; but within a few years several branches of manufacturing industry have been introduced, and have added much to the wealth and population of the place. The details of this growth are very clearly exhibited by Mr. Hudson. His style is not, indeed, marked by much eloquence or felicity of expression, and there is much in his volume which is of a purely local interest; but as a whole it is a welcome addition to the long list of town histories published within the last thirty years.

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4. — *The History and Literature of the Crusades.* From the German of VON SYBEL. Edited by LADY DUFF GORDON. London: Chapman and Hall. 1861. 12mo. pp. viii. and 356.

THOUGH Heinrich von Sybel is still in the prime of life, he has already acquired a considerable reputation as an historical scholar; and Lady Gordon has therefore rendered an acceptable service in editing the volume before us, the first of his writings, we believe, which has been translated into English. It is divided into two unequal parts,